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Thomas Traherne (1637?-1674), a clergyman of the Church of England during the Restoration, was little known until the early twentieth century, when his poetry and Centuries of Meditations were discovered. Although his reputation as a metaphysical poet in the tradition of Donne has grown since then, there have only been miscellaneous publications of his poetry and devotional writings, with much of his output still unpublished. The Works of Thomas Traherne will bring together all his extant works in a definitive, printed edition for the first time. His works not published in print will be edited by manuscript insofar as possible. The text of Traherne's works will be printed in seven volumes, with an eighth volume of commentary. This first volume makes available in print four treatises contained in a single manuscript discovered in 1997 at Lambeth Palace Library. Though diverse in subject and form, they bear the distinctive stamp of Traherne's thought and writing. Written against a background of scepticism and growing atheism, these works show Traherne to be profoundly aware of the currents of his age - theological, political, sociological and scientific - to which he responded with thoughtful and imaginative insights. They show him also to be a compelling apologist for the Christian religion and for the goodness of the church. This much-needed and important edition makes a valuable contribution not only to Traherne studies, but also to seventeenth-century studies in general.

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